

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 57, 59 and 60 recite allowable subject matter.

Claim 48 is amended to include the features of claim 57 (now canceled). Therefore, claim 48 should be in condition for allowance.

Claim 49 is amended to include the features of claims 50 and 59 (now canceled). Therefore, claim 49 should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 51 and 53 are amended to recite the features of claim 60 (now canceled). Therefore, claims 51 and 53 should be in condition for allowance.

The Office action rejects claims 58 and 61 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, par. 1, as allegedly containing subject matter that was not disclosed in the application as filed (*i.e.*, that the link arm is connected to a crankshaft operable to rotate about a fixed center). That is incorrect. This feature is clearly disclosed at page 7, line 14 in connection with FIGs. 14 and 15. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 58 and 61 under section 112, par. 1 should be withdrawn.

The Office action rejects claims 58 and 61 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, par. 2. As suggested by the Examiner, applicant has amended these claims to recite that the link arm is connected "via a driven gear" to the crankshaft. In view of the amendments, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection under section 112, par. 2.

Applicant has added new dependent claims 62-65. Support for the features recited in these claims can be found, for example, at page 8, lines 10-17 of the specification.

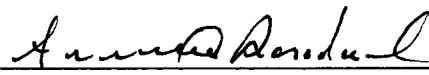
Conclusion

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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